

Senate Bill 246

By: Senators Henson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th and Jones of the 10th

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT**

1 To amend an Act to provide for the DeKalb County Board of Registration and Elections,  
2 approved June 3, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 4200), as amended, so as to provide that board  
3 members shall be appointed by the chief judge of the superior court; to provide for the  
4 nomination of potential board members; to update provisions regarding the certification of  
5 members appointed to the board; to provide for the selection of a chairman; to provide for  
6 related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
7 purposes.

8 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act to provide for the DeKalb County Board of Registration and Elections, approved  
11 June 3, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 4200), as amended, is amended by revising Section 2 as  
12 follows:

13 **"SECTION 2.**

14 (a) Such board shall be composed of five members. Each member of the board shall be  
15 an elector and a resident of the county and shall be appointed by the chief judge of the  
16 superior court of DeKalb County.

17 (b) Four of the five members of the board shall be appointed by said chief judge from  
18 nominees selected in the following manner:

19 (1) Two members of the board shall be nominated by the county executive committee  
20 of the political party whose candidate for the office of Governor at the last election for  
21 such office received the highest number of votes cast for such office within DeKalb  
22 County; and

23 (2) Two members of the board shall be nominated by the county executive committee  
24 of the political party whose candidate for the office of Governor at the last election for

25 such office received the second highest number of votes cast for such office within  
26 DeKalb County.

27 (c) The fifth member of the board, to be known as the member at large, shall be appointed  
28 by said chief judge, but shall not have been a person nominated pursuant to subsection (b)  
29 of this section.

30 (d) The county executive committee of a political party making a nomination pursuant to  
31 subsection (b) of this section shall nominate potential board members at least 30 days prior  
32 to the beginning of the term of office to be filled, or within 30 days of the creation of a  
33 vacancy in the office to be filled. In the event that a political party entitled to make a  
34 nomination pursuant to subsection (b) of this section does not have an active and  
35 functioning county executive committee, the state executive committee of such political  
36 party shall make the nomination.

37 (e) The chief judge of the superior court of DeKalb County may reject any nominee for  
38 appointment to the board and the political party that nominated such rejected nominee shall  
39 nominate another qualified person."

40 **SECTION 2.**

41 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 4 as follows:

42 "SECTION 4.

43 The appointment of each member of the board shall be made by the chief judge filing an  
44 order with the clerk of the superior court that states the name and residential address of the  
45 person appointed and certifying that such member has been duly appointed as provided in  
46 this Act. The clerk of the superior court shall record each such order on the minutes of the  
47 court and shall certify the name of each member appointed to the Secretary of State and  
48 provide for the issuance of appropriate commissions to the members as provided by law  
49 for registrars."

50 **SECTION 3.**

51 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 5 as follows:

52 "SECTION 5.

53 The chairman of the board shall be elected by a majority of the members of the board."

54 **SECTION 4.**

55 This Act shall become effective upon approval by the Governor or upon this Act becoming  
56 law without such approval.

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**SECTION 5.**

58 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.